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## *Officers of the Synod.*

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| Moderator, - - - - - | Rev. A. L. Lindsley, D. D. |
| Stated Clerk and Treasurer, - | Rev. Frederic E. Shearer. |
| Temporary Clerk, - - - | Rev. T. Madison Dawson. |
| " " - - - - - | Rev. E. M. Betts. |

## *Standing Committees.*

### Home Missions.

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| Rev. N. B. Klink, | Rev. A. L. Lindsley, D. D. |
| Rev. James M. Newell | Rev. A. M. Stewart, D. D. |
| Rev. T. M. Cunningham, D. D. | Rev. W. C. Mosher. |

### Foreign Missions.

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| Rev. T. E. Taylor, | Rev. John Marquis. |
| Rev. Lewis Thompson, | Rev. A. W. Loomis. |
| Rev. A. L. Lindsley, D. D. | |

### Publication.

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| Rev. A. F. White, LL. D., | Rev. Frederic E. Shearer. |
| Rev. A. Fairbairn, | Rev. Robert McCulloch. |
| Rev. Joshua Phelps, D. D., | Rev. A. L. Lindsley, D. D. |

### Education.

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| Rev. W. A. Scott, D. D., LL. D. | Rev. A. L. Lindsley, D. D. |
| Rev. S. S. Harmon, | Rev. Joshua Phelps, D. D. |

### Vacant Churches and Unemployed Ministers.

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| Rev. James Eells, D. D., | Rev. W. R. Stewart. |
| Rev. Robert Strong. | Rev. C. D. Roberts. |
| Rev. W. W. Brier, | Rev. Richard Wylie. |

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# MINUTES.

SAN FRANCISCO, October 7th, 1873.

The Synod of the Pacific met pursuant to adjournment in Calvary Church, at 7½ P. M.

Rev. N. B. Klink, the retiring Moderator, preached the opening sermon from Col. I. 28, after which Synod was constituted with prayer.

The roll was then called, and there were present as follows:

PRESBYTERY OF BENICIA.

*Ministers*—Robert R. Wells, N. B. Klink, R. McCulloch, Charles H. Crawford, J. S. Todd, Charles S. Dewing, H. R. Avery, and Francis M. Dimick.

*Elders*—A. Saunders, Westminster Church, and O. Bingham, Vacaville.

*Ministers Absent*—T. E. Taylor, Richard Wylie, Edmund Verrue, Benj. I. Lowe, R. H. Hammond, and W. H. Cain.

PRESBYTERY OF LOS ANGELES.

*Ministers*—L. P. Webber, and Robert Strong.

*Elder*—L. G. Oliver, Santa Barbara.

*Ministers Absent*—Joshua Phelps, D. D., Jno. Marquis, J. G. Downing, W. C. Mosher, H. H. Dobbins, John Mack, and F. L. Nash.

PRESBYTERY OF OREGON.

*Minister*—A. L. Lindsley, D. D.

*Elders*—None.

*Ministers Absent*—J. S. Reasoner, H. H. Spaulding, W. J. Monteith, Edward R. Geary, D. D., Robert Robe, M. A. Williams, George Whitworth, Theodore Crowl, Jno. R. Thompson, W. R. Stewart, John Rea, Thomas J. Weekes, Anthony Simpson, Geo. W. Sloan, J. A. Hanna, Richmond Cheadle, and M. G. Mann.

PRESBYTERY OF SACRAMENTO.

*Ministers*—N. Slater, Louis Thompson, Alexander Fairbairn, Chas. Shelling, C. D. Roberts, James M. Newell, Samuel Robinson, and John Creath.

*Elder*—A. Aiken, Sacramento.

*Ministers Absent*—B. B. Bonham, Jas. Woods, Isaac N. Hurd, Horace A. Mayhew, and James Pierpont.

PRESBYTERY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

*Ministers*—Albert Williams, Wm. A. Scott, D. D., LL. D., Geo. Burrowes, D. D., Daniel W. Poor, D. D., Sylvester Woodbridge, D. D., James Eells, D. D., R. G. McCarthy, James Woodworth, Wm. Alexander, S. P. Whiting, T. M. Dawson, Frederic E. Shearer, John Hemphill, Calvin A. Poage, and James L. Woods.

*Elders*—J. B. Roberts, Calvary; Chas. Geddes, Westminster; H. F. Crane, Central; J. W. Stewart, Howard st.; S. Franklin, St. John's; J. J. Gardner, Oakland, 1st.; J. B. Ford, Brooklyn.

*Ministers Absent*—John Sessions, D. D., S. T. Wells, A. W. Loomis, D. D., H. S. Carpenter, D. D., R. V. Dodge, C. T. Mills, D. D., F. Buel, Wm. Buehren, E. J. Vail, T. M. Cunningham, D. D., J. D. Strong, D. McClure, Ira M. Condit, and P. V. Veeder, D. D.

PRESBYTERY OF SAN JOSE.

*Ministers*—Albert F. White, LL. D., A. M. Stewart, D. D., W. W. Brier, John Edwards, S. S. Harmon, E. M. Betts, J. S. McDonald, and C. W. Anthony.

*Elder*—H. W. Briggs, Gilroy.

*Ministers Absent*—W. H. Wilson, Edward Graham, John Hawks, W. F. B. Lynch, James M. Alexander, Martin Post, and A. J. Compton, M. D.

Rev. A. L. Lindsley, D. D., of the Presbytery of Oregon, was elected Moderator.

The Stated Clerk, Rev. Dr. Poor, then offered his resignation, which was accepted, and the Rev. F. E. Shearer was elected as his successor.

Revs. T. M. Dawson and E. M. Betts, were elected Temporary Clerks.

The Committee of Arrangements reported in part as follows, viz. :

That the Sessions of Synod open at 9:30 A. M., and the first half hour be spent in devotional exercises.

The report was adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by Dr. Poor.

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WEDNESDAY, October 8th, 1873.

Synod met at 9:30 A. M. and spent half an hour in devotional exercises, under the direction of the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The roll was called, and there were present as yesterday, and also as follows :

PRESBYTERY OF BENICIA.

*Minister*—Townsend E. Taylor.

*Elder*—R. D. Morgan, Santa Rosa.

PRESBYTERY OF LOS ANGELES.

*Minister*—H. H. Dobbins.

PRESBYTERY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

*Ministers*—S. T. Wells, A. W. Loomis, D. D., Hugh Smith Carpenter, D. D., and Ira M. Condit.

PRESBYTERY OF SAN JOSE.

*Ministers*—Edward Graham, and J. Hawks.

*Elders*—J. B. Weller, Milpitas Township ; S. A. Hastings, Alameda.

Rev. James Mitchell, of the Synod of Ireland, Rev. W. Y.

Brown, of the Synod of Colorado, Rev. Ira Hill, of the Synod of Missouri, Rev. M. M. Gibson, of the 2d Synod of the West (U. P.) being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Moderator then announced the following committees, to w't:

Bills and Overtures—*Ministers*—N. B. Klink, A. M. Stewart, D. D.; *Elder*, S. Franklin.

Judicial—*Ministers*—W. A. Scott, D. D., LL. D., J. M. Newell; *Elder*, O. Bingham.

Minutes of Assembly—*Minister*—W. W. Brier; *Elder*, A. Saunders.

Foreign Missions—*Ministers*—H. S. Carpenter, D. D., I. M. Condit; *Elder*, J. W. Stewart.

Correspondence—*Ministers*—R. R. Wells, T. Fraser; *Elder*, O. Bingham.

Home Missions—*Ministers*—John Edwards, C. D. Roberts; *Elder*, J. J. Gardner.

Leave of Absence—*Ministers*—S. Woodbridge, D. D., C. A. Poage; *Elder*, J. B. Roberts.

Devotional Exercises—*Minister*—J. Hemphill, and the session of Calvary Church.

Theological Seminary—*Ministers*—James Eells, D. D., John Edwards and James M. Newell.

Finance and Mileage—*Ministers*—C. S. Dewing, J. S. Todd, F. E. Shearer; *Elder*, H. S. Briggs.

Narrative—*Ministers*—Edward Graham, J. Woodworth; *Elder*, S. Franklin.

Treasurer's Report—*Elders*—J. W. Stewart, and A. Saunders.

PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS.

| PRESBYTERY. | MINISTER. | ELDER. |
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| Benicia, | A. Fairbairn, | J. B. Ford, |
| Los Angeles, | C. A. Poage, | R. J. Trumbull, |
| Oregon, | A. Williams, | J. J. Gardner, |
| Sacramento, | S. T. Wells, | H. F. Crane, |
| San Francisco, | L. P. Webber, | O. Bingham, |
| San Jose, | F. E. Shearer, | J. B. Roberts. |

The Treasurer of Synod made his report in substance as follows, to wit :

One year ago the *deficit* was $13 90. He received $303 80, and paid out for printing minutes, $30 ; salary, stated clerk, $50 ; deficit, $13 90 ; mileage, $45 45 ; leaving a balance in the treasury of $164 50.

The churches which have failed to contribute their assessment *for the year ending October 1st*, 1872, are Healdsburg, Shiloh, Santa Rosa, Davisville, Calistoga, Brownsville, Diamond Hill, Seattle, Steilacoom, Astoria, Calapovia, San Juan, Stockton, Amador, Columbia, Sonora, Jackson, Woodbridge, Scotts Valley, Austin, Yreka, Chinese, Emmanuel, Olivet, Larkin st., Centerville, and Alameda.

The report was accepted and placed in the hands of the Committee for auditing.

Rev. Clement E. Babb, D. D., of the Synod of Cincinnati, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. Thomas Fraser, Synodical Missionary, reported, and his report was referred to the Special Committee on Home Missions.

Owing to the absence of Rev. Dr. Cunningham in the East, Rev. N. B. Klink was appointed Chairman of the standing committee on Home Missions, and Rev. Frederic E. Shearer, of the Presbytery of San Francisco, to fill the vacancy in the representation of that Presbytery.

The Rev. J. Hemphill, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, and also of the Committee on Devotional Exercises, reported, recommending that the daily sessions of Synod begin at 9:30 A. M., and the first half hour of every morning session be spent in devotional exercises ; that Synod take recess from 12 M. to 2:30 P. M., and from 5 P. M. to 7:30 P. M. ; and that on this Wednesday evening we have no sermon or special services, but adjourn this afternoon at 5 o'clock to meet to-morrow morning, to afford the members of Synod an opportunity to hear the lecture of John Lord, LL. D., on Pope Gregory VII. ; and that on Thursday evening at 7:30 there be a Sunday School meeting to be presided over by Rev. Dr. Scott.

The report was adopted.

The following report was accepted and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary, to wit :

The Directors of the San Francisco Theological Seminary beg leave to submit their second annual report :

The Seminary, by the blessing of God, has met with encouraging success. Of the six students in attendance at the time of your last report, one remained a short time, then accepted an invitation to supply a destitute field ; was afterwards ordained, and is now employed usefully in preaching the Word. Another, Mr. C. W. Anthony, having spent two years in the Pacific Theological Seminary, finished his course with us, and was allowed the usual certificate of graduation. Mr. Andrew Lees, at the close of the last Seminary year, asked and obtained a certificate of dismission to some Eastern Seminary. The remaining three are pursuing their studies regularly in the Seminary.

We have at present five (5) students in the Seminary, one or two more are expected, and another has the ministry in view, who has yet some time to spend in College.

Some valuable additions have been made to the Library during the year, and we would again call the attention of the ministers and elders to this matter. Books suitable for the library of a Theological Seminary, especially lexicons and other books of reference, including commentaries on the Scriptures, sometimes accumulate on the shelves of private libraries where they are but little used, but would be acceptable and useful in the library of an institution of learning. Some of our brethren have already made donations of this kind, for which we desire to express our thanks.

Soon after the adjournment of the last Synod the Board met and resolved to attempt the endowment of at least two chairs in the Seminary during the Synodical year. In furtherance of this design Rev. W. W. Brier has acted as fiscal agent on this coast, and Rev. Dr. Cunningham as fiscal agent at the East. These brethren have prosecuted their work with zeal and success. Mr. Brier has raised in all about $17,000, of which he has collected $4,121 50. Dr. Cunningham was obliged to return home before completing his work at the East. He reported nearly $50,000, raised chiefly in Philadelphia, and that New York had promised to take the matter up. The prosecution of the work was, however, necessarily postponed until after the dedication of the Tabernacle, and until after the summer season was passed. Dr. Cunningham is now again at the East, and expects to return this winter with, at least, $100,000, including the amount raised last winter and spring. If his life and health are spared we have no doubt of his ultimate success. This will give us altogether about $125,000, which we hope to secure within a few months.

The First Presbyterian Church of Oakland has donated to the Seminary the valuable property owned by them, and occupied by their former pastor as a parsonage, as a contribution to the endowment fund. Dr. Poor held a claim against this property amounting to some $2,700 which has been paid to him. The deed has been executed and the property duly transferred to our Board of Trustees, and all street assessments and other charges paid. This property is estimated by some at $5,000 and by others as high as $7,000 or $8,000, and is occupied by the Professor of Ecclesiastical History as his residence.

The Class of Directors whose term expires at this Synod is the following:

*Ministers*—A. F. White, LL. D., D. W. Poor, D. D., A. L. Lindsley, D. D., and A. Fairbairn.

*Elders*—W. C. Armes, and Wales L. Palmer.

These vacancies the Synod is respectfully asked to fill.

All of which is respectfuily submitted.

In behalf of the Board,

W. Alexander.

The Committee on Education asked and received leave to retire.

On motion, the publication of the minutes for 1872, in pamphlet form, was approved, and the thanks of the Synod extended to The Occident for publishing them at so cheap a price.

Synod took recess until half-past two o'clock P. M.

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After recess the Rev. Mr. Graham introduced Rev. Jabez Walker, of the Wesleyan Conference of Scotland. Mr. Walker was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

It was made the order of the day for 4 o'clock to hear Mr. Walker for 15 minutes on the subject of Temperance.

Rev. Robert Patterson, D. D., of the Synod of Illinois, North, and Rev. Robert Scrimgeour, of the Synod of Otago, New Zealand, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Report of the Standing Committee on Home Missions was made the order of the day for ten o'clock to-morrow forenoon.

Free conversation on the State of Religion the order of the day for to-morrow forenoon at eleven o'clock, and in this conversation it was ordered that each member be limited to two minutes.

The Report of the Standing Committee on Education was made the first order of the day for to-morrow afternoon.

The following resolution was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Education, to wit :

*Resolved*, That, feeling the deepest interest in the subject of Education, this Synod, with the approval and coöperation of the Trustees, appoint a committee to visit the City College and the University Mound College, examine their modes of instruction, management and general condition, and report to the Synod any recommendations likely to awaken the sympathy and assistance of the Synod in advancing the prosperity and usefulness of these institutions.

Rev. Jabez Walker then addressed the Synod on the subject of Temperance, after which the thanks of the Synod were given to Mr. Walker for the address, and on motion, Ministers Albert Williams and Edward Graham, and Elder Charles Geddes were appointed a committee to present to Synod resolutions concerning Temperance and the Observance of the Sabbath.

Westminster Colony, Vallejo and Sacramento were nominated for the place of next meeting. The roll was then called and Sacramento chosen.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Elder Stephen Franklin.

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October 9, 1873.

Synod met at 9:30, A. M., and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion, the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Rev. James Pierpont, of the Presbytery of Sacramento, Rev. D. K. Nesbit of the Presbytery of Oregon, and Rev. W. F. E. Lynch, of the Presbytery of San Jose, appeared and took their seats.

The report of the Standing Committee on Home Missions, the order of the day for this hour, was then presented.

This report exhibited the aid asked or received by the Mission churches in the several Presbyteries, showed the hopeful character of the work and recommended the re-appointment of Rev.

Thomas Fraser as Synodical Missionary, and, if practicable, the appointment of an additional missionary, and a plan of coöperation between the Synodical Missionary and the Presbyterial Committees on Home Missions. The report was presented and referred to the Special Committee on Home Missions. The reference of the report of the Synodical Missionary was re-considered, and this also referred to the Special Committee on Home Missions.

The Standing Committee on Publication presented their report which was amended and adopted. It is in part as follows :

During the past year five Colporteurs under the care of the Board of Publication have labored in the bounds of the Synod, one in the Presbytery of Benicia, one in the Presbytery of Los Angeles, two in the Presbytery of Oregon, and one in the Presbytery of San Jose. The whole time of service rendered was 168 days, during which 675 volumes were sold, 42 given away, 6,682 pages of tracts distributed gratuitously, 1,184 families visited, 508 families prayed with, and $11 50 collected in aid of the funds of the Board.

The books of the Board are kept in the office of "The Occident." The annual sales have not exceeded $100.

The Board in Philadelphia have made many and some valuable grants to ministers and Sunday Schools in California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington Territory. This useful Missionary agency ought to be rendered very much more efficient than it is at present. Great multitudes of people are beyond the reach of our Home Missionaries, and of their churches, and must learn not only Presbyterianism, but the essential principles of the gospel through the press and the colporteur.

Our churches need a sound religious literature for their edification, and for the instruction of their members in the great cardinal doctrines of religion.

The great mass of irreligious church-going and non-church-going people need it. Ministers of the Gospel and Ruling Elders need it. To the young it is an absolute necessity.

It is a matter of congratulation that the publications of the Board are so many and of the greatest intrinsic worth.

Within the last year a large and commodious building has been completed, is furnished and occupied as a great central depository and publishing house in Philadelphia. With the publications of

the Board a large stock of other publications is kept on hand, carefully selected and especially adapted to the wants of Sabbath Schools. Arrangements have been perfected to keep the books of the Board for sale in Boston, New York, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, and Chicago, where they may be had on the same terms as in Philadelphia. It is expected that by this time a like arrangement has been made in St. Louis. It is desirable that a similar arrangement be made in San Francisco. Your committee deem it absolutely necessary. The present supplies do not meet the wants of our large territory, the missionary character of our work, the necessities of our churches and Sabbath Schools. With a continent between us and the great central depository, and thousands of miles from any of its important branches, and with no access to any considerable assortment of the Board publications, we are compelled to resort to other and less desirable sources of supply. Our destitute Sabbath Schools and Missionaries are practically cut off from the generous offers of the Board on account of the great expense of transportation, by mail or express, and even the ordinary modes of conveyance.

The publications of our Board are especially needed to harmonize and assimilate the heterogeneous elements gathered in our Sabbath Schools and Bible classes, since here nearly every shade of religious sentiment and opinions is present.

In conclusion your Committee recommend the adoption of the following:

*Resolved*, (1) That we recommend the Presbyteries to increase as far as possible the number of colporteurs within their bounds.

(2) That we recommend our Sunday Schools to supply their libraries with the books of our Board, the *Sabbath School Visitor*, and the Westminster series of lessons.

(3) That Synod earnestly request the Board to make arrangements to keep a full stock of all its publications in San Francisco where they may be purchased on the same terms as in Chicago, Cincinnati and other cities.

(4) That Rev. Frederic E. Shearer, a member of this Synod, be recommended as a suitable person to take charge of a Depository of the Board's publications.

Rev. S. P. Heron, of the Synod of Harrisburg, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The hour of eleven o'clock having arrived, the order of the day

was taken up and the roll called for reports from the churches on the State of Religion. The morning session was prolonged half an hour to finish the reports.

The vote fixing the order of the day for this afternoon was reconsidered, and the report of the Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary was made the first order of the day after recess, and the re-port of the Committee on Education the second order.

Synod took recess from 12:30 to 2:30 P. M.

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After recess it was

*Resolved*, That a standing committee on Church Erection be appointed.

The Committee on Finance and Mileage reported, recommending that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to pay seventy per cent. of the necessary traveling expenses of the delegates. The report was adopted.

The Stated Clerk was directed to publish the minutes in pamphlet form.

The Judicial Committee reported that no business had come before it, and the Committee was discharged.

The report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary, the first order of the day, was then taken up. The report was accepted and adopted and is as follows, to wit:

The Committee on the Theological Seminary respectfully present the following report:

The Records of the Board of Directors for the past year and their Second Annual Report to the Synod, have been placed in the hands of the Committee, upon which we make the following remarks and recommendations:

1. We express our gratitude to God for what has been accomplished in the matter of raising funds for the endowment of the Seminary. An efficient Board of Directors had already been organized. An able corps of Professors was secured. Students sufficient in number to form the three regular classes were on the ground. But there was no money; and buildings and the necessary facilities for success in theological study, and ability to pay salaries to the Faculty, were all wanting. In compliance with the instructions of the Synod, at its last session, the Board undertook early in the year to obtain at least a part of these advantages

Rev. W. W. Brier was commissioned as general agent to canvass this State for money, and Rev. T. M. Cunningham, D. D., to visit the Eastern States for a like purpose, and though these gentlemen labored only a portion of the year under their commissions, the report before us announces the gratifying fact that $17,000 have been pledged within the bounds of this Synod, and nearly $50,000 at the East, and that $125,000 may reasonably be expected toward an endowment fund within a few months. Were any confirmation needed of our own conviction that there is a demand for this Seminary, such generous response to the appeal of the Board may be accepted as proof that the Church is of the same mind, for which we record our thanks.

2. We are specially pleased with a resolution of the Board, that whatever emergencies may arise they will incur no debt. There is no incubus on an institution like this, more crushing than heavy debt, and experience proves that any debt is likely to become heavy which has been contracted for its real or supposed necessities.

3. We observe the minutes respecting a correspondence between the Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Pacific and our Board, by which they sought, through the appointment of Committees of Conference, "some plan of coming into closer affiliation and identity." The Synod would not seem to regard the disposition thus manifested by our Congregational brethren with any other feelings than those of gratitude and pleasure, and hereby fully reciprocate their desire for any "affiliation" that may be possible in the great work which has so many interests in common. Still, we are obliged to approve the decision of the Board, that our obligations to those who have given money to our fund on specified terms, and to the General Assembly of our Church, as well as the Constitution we have adopted, prevent "identity" in any sense, with any other Seminary.

4. We express our thanks to the Faculty, and other brethren who have given valuable aid in the departments of instruction, to the Board of Directors who have efficiently conducted the affairs of the Seminary, to the two brethren who have so successfully labored to increase its funds, and to the Church, that has so generously contributed to the establishment of what we believe to be a fountain from which streams will flow to make glad the city of our God for many years; while we congratulate all that they have been enabled and disposed to offer so willingly upon this altar of Zion.

5. We heartily commend the Seminary to the continued sympathy, and contributions, and prayers of all who love and value thorough theological learning, and who believe with us that it is at the foundation of the grand superstructure of civilization and Christianity to be reared on the Pacific.

6. We recommend the re-appointment of the following members of the Board, whose terms of office now expire: *Ministers*, A. F. White, LL. D., A. L. Lindsley, D. D., and A. Fairbairn. *Elder*, Wales L. Palmer—and in place of Rev. W. Poor, D. D., and W. C. Armes, who decline re-appointment, we recommend the names of Rev. Charles Shelling and E. Bigelow.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES EELLS.
Chairman.

Rev. Dr. Burrows rose to a question of privilege, and after he had indicated the nature of the remarks he desired to make, on motion he was allowed to speak.

Rev. Dr. Poor spoke in explanation of the matters referred to by Dr. Burrows, and it was voted that Dr. Poor be requested to present the substance of his remarks to Dr. Burrows in writing.

The hour having arrived for the second order of the day it was postponed to hear the report of the special Committee on Foreign Missions. The report was adopted. It concludes as follows:

*Resolved*, That we express our sincere thanks to God that during the past year so many have been gathered into the membership of the various Mission Churches, amounting to 12 per cent. on the number of communicants of the previous year; and that we rejoice that the Board has, in response to the openings of Providence, pressed forward into new fields of labor.

2. That the position of this Synod, with the churches under its care upon the outposts, and almost within sight of the ramparts of Paganism, demands corresponding interest and effort on the part of every church and every member of every church.

3. That, since the debt of the Board last year is the result mainly of enlarged work and progressive movements, which God's Providence called upon it to make, hence, we feel the duty resting upon us as ministers to do what we can, not only to prevent the gifts to pay the debt from diminishing our regular contributions, but also to seek to interest our churches more in this great cause and increase their contributions to meet the increasing demand.

4. That the Synod realizes, and desires to impress upon the

Church, the vast significance of the coming of the *Chinese* to our land as one of the great means in God's hands for the evangelizing of China; and that we will encourage and aid in the work of teaching them through the agency of the Sabbath School and family—in all practical ways—and give our hearts' sympathy and help and prayers to the Chinese Mission of our Board, which has been so long established in our bounds.

5. That the Synod earnestly hopes that there may be provided on this coast an efficient department for the educating in their own language, as well as in English, of young Christian Chinese men for the ministry, who may be prepared to return to China as heralds of the Cross, or to labor among their countrymen in this land.

6. That we greatly rejoice in the important work and growing power of that branch of the Board known as the Woman's Board or Woman's work for Woman, and that we give it upon this coast, where its operations are yet in their infancy, our hearty sympathy and co-operation as far as in our power.

7. That we seek to carry out the earnest request of the last General Assembly, of setting apart the first evening prayer-meeting of each month for the monthly concert of prayer; that it be sacredly devoted to the object for which it was originally established; and that a collection be taken at each monthly meeting in behalf of the Foreign Mission Board.

Rev. Dr. Eells presented the following on Sustentation, which was adopted, viz.:

*Resolved*, That while we recognize the cause of Home Missions as demanding the chief support of our churches, because our work as yet is chiefly missionary in its character; and would emphasize our interest in the Board of Home Missions, in view of our increasing population, and the necessity for the formation of new churches, we regret that there should be any want of sympathy between this Board and the Committee of Sustentation, which also reports a noble work accomplished in other parts of the country. We place this committee on the list of agencies which we commend to the support of our churches, as advised by the General Assembly, and shall be glad if its plan of working can be adapted to our condition, so that some of our churches may receive its aid.

The second order of the day, the report of the Committee on Education, was presented, and, after discussion, it was re-committed.

The committee to audit the Treasurer's account reported that they had carefully examined the account and compared the items with the accompanying vouchers, and find the same to be correct and recommend its approval. The report was adopted.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the Synod has observed with great interest the report of the Committee on the Relief Fund of our Church to the last General Assembly, and express this interest by recommending that our churches contribute more liberally to its treasury in the year to come. The Church should tenderly care for her disabled ministers, and the widows and orphans of those who are deceased, offering sympathy to all, and providing for the comfort of those who are recommended by the Presbyteries, as needing such aid.

The several Committees on the minutes of the Presbyteries of Benicia, Los Angeles, Sacramento and San Francisco reported respectively that they had examined the minutes and found them correct and recommended their approval. The several reports were adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Oregon reported that the minutes were not in the house and asked to be discharged. Their request was granted.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of San Jose reported that they had examined the Records and recommended their approval ; but the Presbytery be enjoined to record, hereafter, in their minutes all matters of business reported and acted upon, that they may come before Synod for review and be more permanent than when placed on file. The report was adopted.

The report of the Special Committee on Home Missions was made the first order of the day for Friday morning.

It was resolved that when Synod adjourn it be to meet on the first Tuesday of October, A. D., 1874, at 7:30 P. M., in the Presbyterian church in Sacramento.

It was also

*Resolved*, That Synod appoint a Committee on the State of Religion within our bounds, to report at our next meeting ; and that

the several churches be required to send their respective reports for the Synodical year to said Committee at least ten days before the meeting of Synod.

2. That the sessions of the several churches are earnestly requested to attend promptly to this work, so that the facts as to the church's prosperity or declension may be brought before us in a concise manner.

In order to give opportunity for the report of the Mutual Aid Society, Synod took recess at 4:50 P. M. until 7:30 P. M.

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After recess, a Sunday School meeting was held in which Rev. Dr. Scott presided.

Rev. Dr. Robert Patterson, by invitation, conducted the Model Sunday School, during which he devoted thirty minutes to instructing a class in the lesson of the International series for Sunday next. Rev. Dr. Loomis delivered an address on Chinese Sunday Schools; Rev. Dr. Woodbridge on the International Lesson; Rev. Dr. Lindsley on the Missionary Character of the Sunday School; Rev. Dr. Stewart on How to Teach Infant Classes; and Rev. Dr. Eells on How to Increase the Spirituality of the School and Secure the Conversion of the Scholars.

Synod adjourned until 9:30 A. M. to-morrow. Closed with prayer.

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FRIDAY, October 10, 1873.

Synod met at 9:30, A. M., and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

On motion the calling of the roll was omitted.

The Presbytery of Benicia reported the reception during the sessions of Synod of the Rev. S. S. Mitchell, and his name was enrolled.

The following preamble and resoluton was offered by Dr. Scott, and adopted, to wit:

Whereas, The Board of Education has not yet been enabled by the Churches to pay the last quarter of last year's aid to its students, and promises only one hundred and fifty dollars to Theological students for the present year ; and

Whereas, We have five students in our Seminary, one in the third or Senior year, one in the Second, and three in the Junior year, who are in need of immediate assistance ; and

Whereas, A small sum from each of our congregations, say an average of only ten dollars from each congregation, would afford all the relief necessary to enable them to go through the year, Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we do affectionately and earnestly ask that every one of the Churches under our care, even the smallest, make a congregational contribution as soon as practical for the contingent fund of the students in our Seminary. And that the pastors or stated supplies be requested to bring this subject as soon as possible before their congregations.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented its report, recommending that a Committee of six on Vacant Churches and Unemployed Ministers, one from each Presbytery, be appointed for the year, and that said Committee report in writing at the next regular meeting of Synod. The report was adopted.

Rev. James M. Newell was appointed to prepare the Narrative of the State of Religion for the next meeting of Synod, and Rev. Charles Shelling his alternate.

The Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of San Jose reported as follows, to wit :

Report of the Presbytery of San Jose to the Synod of the Pacific :

Last year the Synod cut off from our bounds the Presbytery of Los Angeles.

The Presbytery consists of fourteen Ministers and fourteen Churches.

One Pastoral relation has been dissolved and one constituted.

One Minister has been dismissed to the Presbytery of Benicia, and one to an Association in New England.

Three have been received by letter, and one by ordination.

Two churches have been organized.

One house of worship has been erected and dedicated free from debt.

The license of Chauncey Park has been recalled.

The report was accepted.

The Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Sacramento reported as follows, to wit:

During the year three of its Ministerial brethren have been dismissed to join other Presbyteries, viz.: F. L. Nash, to the Presbytery of Los Angeles: John Brown, to the Presbytery of Washington City; W. W. McKaig to the Presbytery of Chicago.

Four Ministerial brethren have joined our Presbytery, viz.: Charles Shelling, from the Presbytery of Long Island; James Pierpont from the San Francisco Presbytery; John Creath from the Presbytery of New Albany; Samuel Robinson, from the Presbytery of Coleraine, Ireland.

There has been one dissolution of a Pastoral relation, that of Rev. W. W. McKaig, D. D., with the First Presbyterian Church of Marysville.

There has been one installation, viz.: that of Rev. Charles Shelling over the Westminster Church of Sacramento.

Three churches have been stricken from the list on account of having ceased to maintain their organization, viz.: the Yreka, Scott's Valley and Austin.

Three new churches have been organized and taken under the care of this Presbytery, viz.: the Pioche and Eureka churches in Nevada, and the Merced church in California.

The report was accepted.

The Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Los Angeles reported as follows, to wit:

That their Presbytery was duly organized in March, 1873, according to the enabling act of the Synod passed October, 1872, as follows:

Boundaries, counties of Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Bernardino, and Territory of Arizona. Churches, Santa Barbara, San Buenaventura, Wilmington, Anaheim, Westminster, and San Diego. Ministers, Dr. Phelps, Revs. Marquis, Webber, Dobbins, and Mosher.

Rev. John Mack was received from the Presbytery of Topeka, Rev. Robert Strong was received from the Presbytery of Albany, Rev. F. L. Nash was received from the Presbytery of Sacramento, Rev. J. C. Downing was received from the Presbytery of San Francisco.

Rev. H. H. Dobbins has been dismissed to the Presbytery of San Jose, and the Pastoral relation between Dr. Phelps and the church of Santa Barbara has been dissolved, to take effect October 19, 1873. The churches of Santa Barbara and Ventura will therefore be vacant after this month.

The Presbytery now contains 6 churches, 8 ministers, and about 200 communicants.

The report was adopted.

Through the Stated Clerk, the Presbytery of San Francisco reported :

That they consist of 29 ministers and 18 churches, and have under their care four candidates for the Gospel ministry.

Since the last meeting of Synod the Presbytery has received Rev. Hugh Smith Carpenter, D. D., from the Presbytery of Brooklyn, Rev. James Eells, D. D., from the Presbytery of Cleveland, Rev. S. P. Whiting, from the Presbytery of Benicia, and Rev. C. A. Poage, from the Presbytery of St. Louis, and have licensed Mr. C. W. Anthony as a probationer for the ministry and dismissed him to the Presbytery of San Jose, and have ordained Mr. James L. Woods as an Evangelist and dismissed him to the Presbytery of Benicia. They have also dismissed Rev. James Pierpont to the Presbytery of Sacramento, and Rev. J. G. Downing to the Presbytery of Los Angeles.

The Pastoral relation between Rev. Dr. Poor, 1st Church, Oakland, has been dissolved, and R. V. Dodge installed in 1st Church, San Francisco, Rev. T. M. Dawson, in Brooklyn Church, and Rev. Dr. Cunningham in Central Church.

The report was accepted.

The Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence presented the following, to wit :

Your Committee on Correspondence recommend the appointment of the following delegates to visit and present our fraternal salutation to the following ecclesiastical bodies in the State of California, at their annual meetings in 1874, viz. :

To the Cumberland Presbyterian Synod, Rev. Dr. Scott ; to the Congregational State Association, Rev. Dr. Eells ; to the Baptist State Association, Rev. E. M. Betts ; to the California Methodist Conference, Rev. N. B. Klink ; to the Pacific Methodist Conference, Rev. F. E. Shearer.

The report was adopted.

The hour having arrived for the order of the day, the Chair-

man of the Special Committee on Home Missions presented the following report, to wit :

Your Committee on Home Missions to whom were referred the reports of the Synodical Missionary, and of your Standing Committee, would respectfully report :

1. We record with gratitude to Almighty God the marked success which has attended the missionary work in our bounds, as respects the occupation of new fields and the coming of additional missionaries to our help. There still remain, however, old fields of importance unoccupied and new ones ready to be entered. We pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into his harvest.

2. We deeply regret the great decline in contributions to this cause among our churches. Last year the average was less than 30 cents per member, much less than half our proportion.

3. We earnestly exhort the Mission Churches to come up as rapidly as possible to the point of self-support.

4. We regard with gratitude the liberal proposals made in the Presbytery of Oregon, with reference to the support of itinerancy within its bounds. We commend this example to the members of our churches in other Presbyteries.

5. With reference to the recommendation of the Standing Committee that we endeavor to secure an additional Synodical Missionary, your Committee think that, exceedingly desirable though it is, to greatly increase the itinerant work in our bounds, yet, at present, this proposal is impracticable.

6. In reference to the recommendation of the Standing Committee that all the work done by the Synodical Missionary, directly or indirectly, in the temporary supply of vacant churches and destitute fields, be done only after consultation with, and approbation of, the Chairman of the Committee of Home Missions of each Presbytery, the Committee would remark, that the Synodical Missionary should, in all cases when practicable and as far as possible, aid said Committee in their work, yet, a strict observance of the rule proposed by the Standing Committee would greatly limit his usefulness in exploring new fields, and, in emergencies, supplying destitute Mission fields. But any proposed settlement in a Mission field should only be entered upon with the consent of the Committee of Presbytery.

We recommend the adoption of the following, to wit :

*Resolved*, 1, That we cordially recommend to the Board the reappointment of the Rev. Thos. Fraser as our Synodical Missionary.

2. That each church, even the feeblest, be earnestly urged to contribute at least one dollar per member to the Board.

3. That the Standing Committee be, as last year, composed of

the chairman of similar committees of Presbyteries, viz. : N. B. Klink, A. L. Lindsley, D. D., James Newell, A. M. Stewart, D. D., T. M. Cunningham, D. D., and M. C. Mosher.

The report was adopted.

Rev. W. W. Brier introduced a preamble and resolutions in regard to the erection of a Presbyterian Hall at Berkeley, in connection with the State University. The paper was discussed and laid on the table.

Rev. M. S. Croswell, of the Congregational Association of California, being present was invited to sit as a Corresponding Member.

It was

*Resolved*, That the Moderator and Stated Clerk be a committee to prepare the Standing Rules of Synod, Forms of Reports of Presbyteries, including statistics, pastoral changes, notices of narrative and assessments, form of Treasurer's Report, method of recording minutes, and suggestions to expediate business and provide facilities for the execution of its recommendations and orders.

The following resolution on Church Erection was adopted, viz. :

The Board of Church Erection, from the sphere in which it operates, commends itself most warmly to the established churches in the new settlements of our country and especially on this coast. Freely we have received, freely let us give. Be it therefore

*Resolved*, That it be earnestly recommended to all our congregations to contribute liberally to the Board of Church Erection.

The following on the subject of Systematic Benevolence was also adopted, viz. :

*Resolved*, 1. That at the earliest period consistent with the state of each congregation, it is hereby required of all our pastors and ministers in charge to bring before their people the several objects of benevolence patronized by the General Assembly.

2. That our ministers be vigorously reminded of their duty to instruct their congregations on the grace of giving, and especially of the advantages of a systematic exercise of this grace informing the people of the wants represented, and of the solemn obligations of stewardship.

3. That it be a rule of Synod that each Session report through the Presbytery annually of its observance of the foregoing.

The report on the subject of Education was made the first order of the day for this afternoon.

It was

*Resolved*, That a Sunday School meeting or meetings be held in connection with the next meeting of the Synod, and that a committee be appointed to select speakers and topics, and direct the exercises of said meeting or meetings; and that the Treasurer be directed to pay for the publication of such circulars and programmes as the committee may desire. Rev. Charles Shelling, and the Elders of the church in Sacramento were appointed such committee.

It was, also

*Resolved*, That a committee of three, one from each of the Presbyteries of San Francisco, San Jose and Sacramento, be appointed to report alterations in the boundaries of the Presbytery of San Jose, and to report at the next meeting of Synod.

Rev. Dr. Eells, W. W. Brier, and J. W. Newell were appointed as said Committee.

It having been stated that the gratifying success of the effort to establish a mileage fund was largely due to attention given thereto by the Treasurer, it was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to its Treasurer for the efficient manner in which he has performed his duties.

Rev. Mr. Taylor, delegate to the Congregational Association in the State of California, and Rev. Mr. Williams, delegate to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Mr. Woodworth, delegate to the Baptist State Association, reported concerning the discharge of their respective duties.

The reports were severally accepted.

Synod took recess until 2:30 P. M.

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After recess Rev. John Thompson, of the California Conference, and District Superintendent of the American Bible Society,

and Rev. J. P. Rowell, of the State Congregational Association, and Agent of the Work for Seamen in this city, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The order of the day was postponed to give opportunity to Mr. Thompson to address the Synod on the Work of the Bible Society.

After the address it was resolved to refer the subject of the Bible Work, including the plan proposed for prosecuting the same, to a special committee.

Revs. Wm. Alexander, A. L. Lindsley, D. D., and A. M. Stewart, D. D., were appointed such Committee.

The observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at this meeting of Synod was referred to the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Rev. Mr. Rowell was invited to address the Synod in regard to his work among the seamen, and it was

*Resolved*, That we have heard with pleasure the remarks of Rev. J. Rowell, in regard to his work among the seamen, and that we commend his cause to the prayers and sympathies of our members and churches.

The order of the day was then taken up, and the Committee on Education reported. The report embraced a brief survey of the State of Education and its Tendencies, and closed with suggestions pertinent to it.

A brief synopsis of the report is : The State educates all the children in the land in the common branches and ascends to the highest. Whether the State transcends its legitimate power in the latter, is a debateable question. The training of the intellectual faculties and the acquisition of knowledge are important, but paramount is a discipline which will give direction to the faculties and employment to knowledge. Conscience must be enlightened.

The exclusion of God's inspired Word leads to the exclusion of all religion, and induces skepticism in its Protean forms. Efforts to teach morality, ignoring God's Word, if made, will fail to accomplish good results. Popular literature and public sentiment indicate the same degrading tendencies. The Committee call attention to the facts.

The conservative element should be increased in all our institu-

tions of learning, and every plan promising improvement in these institutions should be encouraged. Parents and guardians should feel their obligations to teach the Word of God, and the entire rising generation brought under saving influences, and our countrymen reminded that to preserve our free institutions God must be served and honored.

The Presbyterian Church has always been the advocate and patron of sound learning, and warmly attached to the Free School system. Nor has she neglected higher education, but for this maintained institutions of learning under the control of her own ministers and members.

On this coast the foundations of a University have been laid, and there are other institutions of high rank, all of which we should seek to sustain and strengthen.

The report concluded as follows, to wit:

*Resolved,* (1) That it is the sense of this Synod that while as citizens we are faithful and true in our support to our State Educational institutions, and do claim all and equal right to our share in their benefits, which do and of right belong equally to all our fellow citizens; still, we hold that it is our inalienable right and our bounden duty to take as efficient measures as are in our power, and such as are at the same time guaranteed to us by our civil government, to raise the standard of education and to secure the training of our youth in the highest mental culture and especially in the knowledge of our holy religion according to our consciences. But for that and in aid of the religious training of our youth, we neither ask for ourselves, nor will we receive any aid from the State as such, nor do we believe that it is right or constitutional that any moneys of the State should be appropriated to any sectarian or denominational purposes whatsoever.

We must give the liberty we ask, and we ask only what we freely give to others.

2. In view of the foregoing that we hail with gratitude an increasing zeal apparent amongst us to make the religious education in our Sabbath Schools and Churches more efficient and general, and also earnestly recommend that as far as may be deemed wise and practical that our pastors and all our ministers and Church sessions will encourage paying week day Schools and

Academies under the care of teachers of approved mental culture and Christian faith.

After some discussion of the report it was moved to amend by striking out a portion. After discussion on the amendment, the previous question on the amendment was moved and carried. The motion to amend was lost. On the adoption of the report, the yeas and nays were demanded, and the roll called, with the following result, viz. :

*Yeas*—Revs. Fraser, Klink, McCulloch, Crawford, Todd, Dewing, Dimmick, Webber, R. Strong, Lindsley, Nesbit, Slater, Fairbairn, Shelling, Pierpont, Scott, Burrowes, Wells, Woodbridge, Eells, McCarthy, Woodworth, Alexander, Hemphill, Poage, Woods, White, Stewart, and Harmon, and Elders, Stewart, Franklin and Hastings—32.

*Nays*—Revs. Williams, Carpenter, Dawson, Shearer, Brier, Edwards, Graham and Compton, and Elders, Bingham and Oliver—10. *Non liquet*, Revs. Roberts and Condit—2.

The following ministers expressed their dissent, viz. : Graham, Brier, Edwards, and Williams.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported recommending that there be no celebration of the Lord's Supper or devotional meeting this evening.

The report was adopted.

Rev. Dr. Lindsley introduced the following which was adopted, to wit :

*Resolved*, That the Synod of the Pacific would most respectfully remonstrate against the permission granted by the Government to erect Roman Catholic churches and priests' houses on the Yakima and Nez Percé Indian Reservations, for the following reasons :

I. This permission is inconsistent with the original purpose of the Government, in offering, and of the several churches in accepting, the trust. Each church accepted it with the understanding that no intrusion should be allowed to interfere with the legitimate exertions of one another in the management of the tribe committed to them.

II. Because the introduction of such teaching, as is permitted by this order of government, will distract the Indians, and tend to frustrate the prime objects of the humane policy of the President, in committing the Indian tribes to the churches.

III. Because, as we are informed, there are no proselytes to

the Roman Catholic church in Yakima Reservation, and only a few among the Nez Percés, who were converted to the Roman Catholic faith after the Whitman massacre, and before the mission came under the care of our church.

IV. It is the belief of this Synod, that every religious body concerned with the Indian tribes, with the single exception of the Roman Catholics, desires the maintenance of the separate management, unembarrassed by interference from any other party whatever.

If however, it be deemed inexpedient to entertain this remonstrance, it is respectfully submitted that a similar permission be granted to establish missions upon the Reservations which are under the care of the Roman Catholics.

The Moderator, Governor Haight and General Babbit, were appointed a committee to carry the above into effect.

The Narrative of the State of Religion was made the first order of the day for this evening.

The resolutions offered by Rev. W. W. Brier concerning the establishment of a Presbyterian Hall at Berkeley were made the order of the day for this evening.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted, viz.:

WHEREAS, THE OCCIDENT is a paper of great value to the Presbyterian Church on this Coast, and

WHEREAS, Its management is somewhat embarrassed, owing to the failure of its subscribers in promptly paying their dues, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That Synod again heartily commends it to its ministers and people, and

2d. That Synod urges it upon its ministers and churches, to take such steps as they may deem advisable to secure the payment of all arrears.

3d. That each minister be requested to act as agent for this paper in his church and community.

Synod took recess till 7:30 P. M.

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7:30 P. M.

After recess.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was directed to publish

in full in the minutes the reports of the Board of Directors and of the committee on the Theological Seminary.

Rev. Frederic E. Shearer made some remarks upon the work of the American Tract Society, and the following was adopted viz.:

*Resolved*, That we do again express our approbation of the principles and work of the American Tract Society, and commend the colportage of this Society to the aid and prayers of our churches.

The hour having arrived for the order of the day, the Narrative of the State of Religion was read by the Chairman of the Committee. It was adopted, and is in part as follows:

In reading and hearing statements from the different Presbyteries and churches, covering as they do a very large and varied field, we were struck with the *unity of spirit* that pervaded nearly all the statements, and indeed the almost similarity of experience wherever, within our wide boundaries, the Gospel has been proclaimed.

We have remarked no unusual revivals among the developments of the year, nor do we observe a spirit among our ministers that would greatly expect or desire anything abnormal in excitement but we are pleased to note a widespread prosperity, and a healthful spiritual growth.

Some of the newer fields, and especially those lying in the south of the State, report a very cheerful outlook, and the promise of unwonted and immediate result.

We note with thankful satisfaction the increasing interest taken in Sunday Schools, and the remarkable energy and success with which, in every field of labor, the work is prosecuted.

We observe with pleasure the attention paid by the churches to the recommendation of the Synod and the General Assembly on the Benevolent Schemes of the Church, and the loyal response during the past year to extraordinary appeals in behalf of Education and Foreign Missions.

In some sections we notice with pride the more general enlistment of the aid of women in the ordinary work of the Church, and the more general recognition of her usefulness in the development and distribution of the Church's charities. We think we can notice also, as an undercurrent of blessed power and promise, a growing tendency among our ministers and people towards unity among Christians and brotherly love for "all who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth," and that, while we vow the vow of fealty to our glorious Head, we fail not to display our banners that have carried us victoriously through all the battles of the past, we stretch out warm hands

and the sympathies of brotherly hearts to all who reverently bow at the feet of the common "Father of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named."

We cannot forget to mention as an indication of the Church's life and growth, the marks of divine favor conferred upon our seminary, and those institutions of learning in sympathy with our church on this coast.

It is fitting that we should observe and commend the sucessful efforts made during the past year, and at present being put forth, for the removal of church debts which have been greatly crippling the endeavors of the church, and depriving mission fields of valuable and much needed aid, and we express a hope that the congregations within our bounds will henceforth guard well against any rash expansion that may interfere with the credit of our Church or the regular and increasing support of the Church's Boards. In conclusion, we are devoutly thankful to report a large increase in the ministerial staff of the Synod, of men of acknowledged ability and piety from various sections of our Presbyterian Brotherhood, and only one death* among the ranks of the Lord's hosts.

It would ill become us to close this report, so full of hope and the recognition of divine favor, without solemnly and reverently remembering that our work has not ceased to be a battle for the Lord. A battle against selfishness, and the result of unprecedented worldly prosperity, a battle against sensuality and frivolity, against Sabbath desecration and intemperance, against a degrading spiritualism, an insolent rationalism, and a coarse infidelity; and a battle, too, against the pride and guiltiness of our own unsanctified hearts, demanding from us every hour the utmost vigilance and an earnest and perpetual appeal to the God of our strength and hope for protection, help and guidance.

It is a *revival* of "pure and undefiled religion," an "opening of the windows of heaven" alone, and an outpouring of wisdom and power from on high, that will make the "weak things strong," and cause the waste and desolate places to blossom as the rose.

God grant that this, even *now*, may be copiously enjoyed, and to him shall be given the glory and honor.

All respectfully submitted.

E. Graham,
J. Woodworth,
S. Franklin.

The Committee on the work of the American Bible Society reported as follows:

Synod having heard with great pleasure the remarks of Rev.

* Rev. Jessie B. Wilson, died at Zelinople, Pennsylvania, June 21, 1872.

John Thompson, District Superintendent of the American Bible Society, cordially welcomes him and his fellow-laborers to this work among us.

The following resolutions are offered as expressive of our interest on this coast.

*Resolved*, That we, as a Synod, approve the plans and purposes of the American Bible Society to place a copy of the Scriptures in every household and in the hands of every person in our own and other lands.

2. That we pledge our hearty co-operation with the American Bible Society in their work. But this Synod does not express its approbation of any plan of operations which has not been tried among us.

3. That we deeply sympathize with the Rev. F. Buel in his affliction; that we have heard with unfeigned pleasure the kind and brotherly reference to him by his successor, Mr. Thompson, and that we will offer our prayers at a throne of grace, invoking the divine favor for himself and family.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. Alexander,
A. L. Lindsley,
A. M. Stewart.

The second order of the day, to wit: the resolutions concerning a Presbyterian Hall at Berkeley, was taken up and discussed, and then by leave of Synod withdrawn.

The Committee on Temperance and the Sabbath reported, and their report was adopted, It is in part as follows:

Your Committee find much to deplore in the view of existing evils resulting from violations of the principles which underlie the great interests of Temperance and Sabbath Observance.

In the one case it is manifest to the most superficial observer that, as a terrible and deadly foe to human welfare, Intemperance has spread widely among all classes of our community its baneful, destructive influence. If the view is confined to the mere economic question involved, it is a painful fact to contemplate that the vast amount of capital and labor and valuable and raw material, employed in the production and sale of intoxicating liquors, is lost to the prosecution of useful arts and professions and true well-being of society. But far more than this material loss is entailed by the perversion of so much power for good; and the greater evils following in the train of Intemperance are those which are seen in the wrecks of human bodies and souls.

Referring to the second subject, Sabbath Observance, commended to the attention of your Committee, it is incumbent to reiterate

the beneficent character as well as the divine appointment and sacred, perpetual obligation of the Sabbath, or seventh part of time as a period of rest from secular labor and care, and of religious privileges and duties. To these views your Committee are aware that there are not a few opposers, who are wont to deny the special sacredness of the day, falsely asserting that all days are alike in character, and that whatever is right and proper to be done on any other day of the week, is right and proper to be done on the Sabbath. Such perverted views and false sentiments your Committee find associated with neglect of proper Sabbath duties, and with acts of open Sabbath desecration, and hence, deem it important to declare our firm conviction that the appointment of the holy Sabbath holds a place among the binding commandments of the moral law, and possesses equal authority with the other nine precepts of the Decalogue. In this connection also we notice the pernicious error of some, in which it is assumed that worship may be and is as acceptable and useful away from churches and church ordinances as it can be in churches and in the use of their gracious instrumentalities, and this, against the plain command which enjoins "the not forsaking of the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is."

It will not be expected that your Committee can include in this report the numerous forms of Sabbath desecration which are generally and familiarly known—pleasure excursions, military displays and the like. There is, however, one of these evils so flagrant and so demoralizing that it cannot be left unnoticed. We refer to theatrical performances and low orgies enacted on the Sabbath in some of the towns and cities within our bounds.

In conclusion, the Committee recommend to our ministers in their various congregations to call attention to the subjects of this report, and seeking the co-operation of the laity, endeavor by all possible and proper methods to remove the evils which are now so prominent, and by faithful instructions seek to raise the standard of practical morality and true religion with the noble virtues of Temperance and a Sacred Observance of the Day of the Lord.

A. Williams.
E. Graham,
Chas. Geddes.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that no business had come before them, and the Committee was discharged.

The Committee on Finance and Mileage reported that they had received the expenses of delegates amounting to $404 50, and of this the Treasurer had paid seventy per cent. or $283 15. The report was approved.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Lindsley, the boundaries of the Presby-

teries of Oregon and Sacramento were defined or changed, and that part of Idaho, north of the 42d parallel, as originally provided for in the territorial division of Presbyteries, added to the Presbytery of Oregon.

Revs. Dr. Eells, W. R. Stewart, R. Strong, C. D. Roberts, W. W. Brier and R. Wylie, were appointed a Committee on Vacant Churches and Unemployed Ministers.

It was

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to Calvary Church, for the use of their edifice during the sessions of the Synod; also to the Committee of Arrangements, for the ample accommodations provided for members of the Synod; and likewise to the people for their kind and hospitable entertainment.

It was also

*Resolved*, That the Standing Committees of Synod be constituted by the Chairmen of the respective Committees in the Presbyteries and that the following persons be Chairmen of the several Committees of Synod, to wit: Of Home Missions, Rev. N. B. Klink; of Foreign Missions, Rev. T. E. Taylor; of Publication, Rev. A. F. White, LL. D.: of Education, W. A. Scott, D. D., LL.D.

On motion, the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Synod adjourned with singing and prayer and the apostolical benediction by the Moderator.

FREDERIC E. SHEARER,
Stated Clerk.